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APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING OR 371 (c) DATE	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER
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**CONFIRMATION NO. 4497**  
**FORMALITIES LETTER**  
  
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**NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS**

***Filing Date Granted***

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- A replacement abstract commencing on a separate sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 1.72(b) and 37 CFR 1.121 is required.

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Additional claim fees of **\$163** as a small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

**SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$163** for a Small Entity

- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is **\$163**
  - **\$18** for 2 total claims over 20.
  - **\$145** for multiple dependent claim surcharge.

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**Effective OCTOBER 1, 2003.** Patent Fees will be adjusted. Please note that fee amounts required by the enclosed Notice might reflect the fees due on the date of filing. Any fee paid on or after OCTOBER 1, 2003 is subject to the new FY 2004 fee schedule and must be paid in the new amount.

**EXAMPLES OF FEES BEING ADJUSTED**

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and FY-2004 Fee Schedules

DESCRIPTION	FY 2003	FY 2004	* Indicates fees remain at FY 2003 amount
Basic filing fee - Utility	\$750	\$770	
Basic filing fee - Utility (Small Entity)	\$375	\$385	
Independent claims in excess of three	\$84	\$86	
Independent claims in excess of three (Small Entity)	\$42	\$43	
Claims in excess of twenty	\$18	\$18*	
Claims in excess of twenty (Small Entity)	\$9	\$9*	
Multiple dependent claim	\$280	\$290	
Multiple dependent claim (Small Entity)	\$140	\$145	
Surcharge - Late filing fee	\$130	\$130	
Surcharge - Late filing fee (Small Entity)	\$65	\$65	
Design filing fee	\$330	\$340	
Design filing fee (Small Entity)	\$165	\$170	
Plant filing fee	\$520	\$530	
Plant filing fee (Small Entity)	\$260	\$265	
Reissue filing fee	\$750	\$770	
Reissue filing fee (Small Entity)	\$375	\$385	
Reissue independent claims	\$84	\$86	
Reissue independent claims (Small Entity)	\$42	\$43	
Reissue claims in excess of twenty	\$18	\$18*	
Reissue claims in excess of twenty (Small Entity)	\$9	\$9*	
Provisional application filing fee	\$160	\$160*	
Provisional application filing fee (Small Entity)	\$80	\$80*	
Surcharge - Late provisional filing fee	\$50	\$50*	
Surcharge - Late provisional filing fee (Small Entity)	\$25	\$25*	
Non-English Specification	\$130	\$130*	
Extension - First month	\$110	\$110*	
Extension - First month (Small Entity)	\$55	\$55*	
Extension - Second month	\$410	\$420	
Extension - Second month (Small Entity)	\$205	\$210	
Extension - Third month	\$930	\$950	
Extension - Third month (Small Entity)	\$465	\$475	
Extension - Fourth month	\$1,450	\$1,480	
Extension - Fourth month (Small Entity)	\$725	\$740	
Extension - Fifth month	\$1,970	\$2,010	
Extension - Fifth month (Small Entity)	\$985	\$1,005	
Petition	\$130	\$130*	
Processing returned checks	\$50	\$50*	

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